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Examiner: Layla G. Lauchman
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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ADDING OR
DROPPING A COMPONENT OF AN OPTICAL
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**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION
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For reasons set forth below, it is respectfully requested that the PTO file for this application be promptly forwarded to Examiner Layla G. Lauchman, for confirmation that the references listed on PTO-1449 attached to the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 5, 2002 have been considered.

On April 5, 2002 Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with PTO-1449 form (three (3) pages) attached, listing the references submitted for consideration. Copies of the cited references were also included. This IDS was received at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 15, 2002 as shown on the returned, date-stamped postcard,

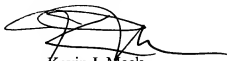
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copy of which is attached. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and the cited references filed April 5, 2002 are enclosed.

An Office Action for this application was mailed on April 5, 2004. However, Examiner Layla G. Lauchman has not returned a copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 5, 2002.

Accordingly, **Applicant hereby requests confirmation of consideration of the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement.** Examiner Layla G. Lauchman is requested to initial the references listed on the PTO-1449 form to show that they were appropriately considered during examination of this Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment, or to charge any additional fee required by this paper, to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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Enclosures: Copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed April 5, 2002
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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant is identifying in this application a related copending application. The copending application is listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449, and Applicant is enclosing a copy of the text and drawings of the related application. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to issuance of a first Office Action, and it is thus believed that no fee is due for filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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Favorable consideration of this patent application
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Respectfully submitted,
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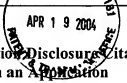
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R	U.S. Serial No. 10/052,940 filed January 18, 2002, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ADDING AND DROPPING OPTICAL SIGNAL COMPONENTS", by inventors Clay E. Towery et al., 35 pages of text and 6 pages of drawings. (Attorney Docket No. 069078.0108, ET009)
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